GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
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PROCUREMENT OF FOODGRAIN BY FCI
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of West Bengal has requested Food Corporation of India to procuremore foodgrains in West Bengal in view of very good crops production;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action the Government has taken to procure more foodgrain in FCI?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SU MAHARIA)

(a)&(b): The State Government of West Bengal has taken up decentralized procurement oflevy rice since the year 1977. In view of problems in the mobilization of funds for the procurement operations, the State Government of West Bengal requested the Central Government to direct the FCI to take up procurement operations during the current Kharif Marketing Season 2002-03.

(c): It has been decided that FCI would procure par-boiled rice upto 2 lakh tonnesof levy rice from rice mills in the five selected districts namely Burdwan, Birbhum, Bankura, South Dinajpur and Midnapore.